

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I believe that all broadcasters, including Sinclair have both a moral and legal obligation to serve the public interest. Their proposed forced showing of a one-sided pseudo-documentary in an effort to sway the upcoming election is a perfect example of the danger of consolidation of the airwaves in the hands of a few large companies.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. If they follow through with their plan, it should serve as further evidence that media consolidation has gone too far and that the trend should be reversed, They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.

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